## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of the claims and listing of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a subject for a DTMR associated with splicing, comprising: administering to said subject an effective amount of a tetracycline compound of formula (I):

$$R^{8}$$
 $R^{9}$ 
 $R^{10}$ 
 $R^{10}$ 

wherein

R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>4</sup> are each independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, arylalkyl, aryl, heterocyclic, heteroaromatic or a prodrug moiety;

R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> are each hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted carbonyl, or a pro-drug moiety;

R<sup>4</sup> is NR<sup>4</sup>'R<sup>4</sup>", alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxyl, halogen, or hydrogen;

R<sup>5</sup> is hydroxyl, hydrogen, thiol, alkanoyl, aroyl, alkaroyl, aryl, heteroaromatic, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, arylalkyl, alkyl carbonyloxy, or aryl carbonyloxy;

R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are each independently hydrogen, methylene, absent, hydroxyl, halogen, thiol, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, or an arylalkyl;

R<sup>7</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halogen, thiol, nitro, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylalkyl, amino, arylalkenyl, arylalkynyl, acyl, aminoalkyl, heterocyclic, thionitroso, or –(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>NR<sup>7c</sup>C(=W')WR<sup>7a</sup>;

R<sup>8</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halogen, thiol, nitro, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, amino, arylalkenyl, arylalkynyl, acyl, aminoalkyl, heterocyclic, thionitroso, or –(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>NR<sup>8c</sup>C(=E')ER<sup>8a</sup>;

R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halogen, thiol, nitro, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylalkyl, amino, arylalkenyl, arylalkynyl, acyl, aminoalkyl, heterocyclic, thionitroso, or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0-3</sub>NR<sup>9c</sup>C(=Z')ZR<sup>9a</sup>;  $R^{7a}$ ,  $R^{7b}$ ,  $R^{7c}$ ,  $R^{7d}$ ,  $R^{7e}$ ,  $R^{7f}$ ,  $R^{8a}$ ,  $R^{8b}$ ,  $R^{8c}$ ,  $R^{8d}$ ,  $R^{8e}$ ,  $R^{8f}$ ,  $R^{9a}$ ,  $R^{9b}$ ,  $R^{9c}$ ,  $R^{9d}$ ,  $R^{9e}$ , and  $R^{8f}$  are each independently hydrogen, acyl, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, arylalkyl, aryl, heterocyclic, heteroaromatic or a prodrug moiety; R<sup>13</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxy, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, aryl, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, or an arylalkyl; E is CR<sup>8d</sup>R<sup>8e</sup>, S, NR<sup>8b</sup> or O; E' is O,  $NR^{8f}$ , or S; W is CR<sup>7d</sup>R<sup>7e</sup>, S, NR<sup>7b</sup> or O: W' is O, NR<sup>7f</sup>, or S; X is CHC( $R^{13}Y^{2}Y^{2}$ ), C= $CR^{13}Y$ ,  $CR^{6}R^{6}$ , S,  $NR^{6}$ , or O; Y' and Y are each independently hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, sulfhydryl, amino, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylamino, or an arylalkyl; Z is CR<sup>9d</sup>R<sup>9e</sup>, S, NR<sup>9b</sup> or O: Z' is O, S, or NR<sup>9f</sup>, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters and enantiomers thereof. such that said DTMR associated with splicing is treated, wherein said effective amount is effective to modulate splicing.

## 2.-36. (Cancelled)

- 37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim  $36 \underline{1}$ , wherein  $R^2$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^8$ ,  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$ , and  $R^{12}$  are each hydrogen, X is  $CR^6R^6$ , and  $R^4$  is  $NR^4$ ' $R^4$ ", wherein  $R^4$ ' and  $R^4$ " are each methyl.
- 38. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein R<sup>9</sup> is hydrogen.
- 39. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein R<sup>7</sup> is substituted or unsubstituted aryl.
- 40. (Original) The method of claim 39, wherein R<sup>7</sup> is substituted or unsubstituted phenyl.
- 41. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein R<sup>7</sup> is substituted with one or more substituents.

42. **(Original)** The method of claim 41, wherein said substituents are each independently alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, halogen, hydroxyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonyloxy, alkoxycarbonyloxy, aryloxycarbonyloxy, carboxylate, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, alkylthiocarbonyl, alkoxyl, phosphate, phosphonato, phosphinato, cyano, amino, acylamino, amidino, imino, sulfhydryl, alkylthio, arylthio, thiocarboxylate, sulfates, alkylsulfinyl, sulfonato, sulfamoyl, sulfonamido, nitro, trifluoromethyl, cyano, azido, heterocyclyl, alkylaryl, aryl or heterocyclic moiety.

- 43. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein R<sup>7</sup> is substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl.
- 44. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein  $R^7$  is substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl and  $R^9$  is alkyl.
- 45. (Original) The method of claim 36, wherein R<sup>7</sup> is dialkylamino.
- 46. (Original) The method of claim 45, wherein R<sup>9</sup> is alkylamino.
- 47. (Original) The method of claim 45, wherein  $R^9$  is  $-NR^{9c}C(=Z')ZR^{9a}$ , wherein  $R^{9c}$  is hydrogen, Z' is nitrogen or oxygen, Z is NH, and  $R^{9a}$  is aryl or aralkyl.

## 48.-53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said tetracycline compound is a tetracycline compound of Table 2 selected from the group consisting of:

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57. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said tetracycline compound

, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

- 58. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said effective amount is effective to modulate splicing of said subject's RNA.
- 59. (New) The method of claim 58, wherein said modulation of splicing increases splicing or RNA.
- 60. (New) The method of claim 58, wherein said modulation of splicing decreases splicing of RNA.
- 61. (New) The method of claim 58, wherein said RNA is mRNA.
- 62. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said subject is an animal.
- 63. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said DMTR associated with splicing is cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, eosinophilic diseases, frontotemporal dementia with parkinsonism, a neurodegenerative disorder or  $\beta$ -thalassemia.
- 64. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said 68, wherein said modulation of splicing is activation of cryptic splice sites, silencing of consensus splice sites, silencing of exonic or intronic splicing enhancers (ESEs or ISEs), silencing of exonic or inronic splicing silencers (ESSs or ISSs),

alteration of the binding or a component of the splicing machinery to the RNA, or the affecting of intermolecular interactions between components of the splicing machinery.